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Dr. Robert Redfield, M.D.  
Director  
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road  
Atlanta, GA 303029

Dear Director Redfield:

In light of the rising number of U.S. cases of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), I urge you to update daily – including on Saturdays and Sundays – the numbers of U.S. cases of COVID-19 posted on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Coronavirus Disease 2019 website.<sup>1</sup>

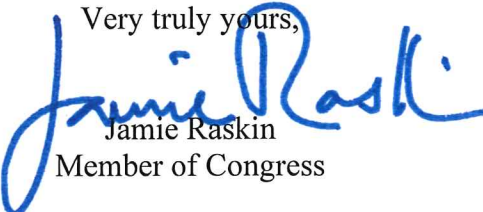
The CDC Coronavirus website reports the number of U.S. cases of COVID-19, the number of U.S. deaths, and the jurisdictions reporting cases, updating these numbers at noon only on Mondays through Fridays. This is not nearly as helpful as it could be. Spread of COVID-19 does not pause for the weekend, and neither should the reporting of essential public health data to maintain public understanding and confidence.

We are in the midst of a public health emergency with this pandemic. Accurate and up-to-date public reporting of this data is critical to our public health efforts to effectively minimize the spread, and mitigate the consequences, of COVID-19.

Will you please commit to updating the CDC's Coronavirus website data regarding U.S. cases of COVID-19 no less than once a day, including Saturdays and Sundays, and let me know if this is possible?

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

  
Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.